

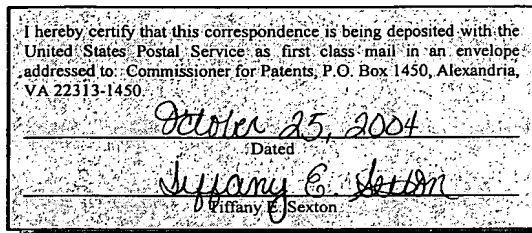


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IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 10/692,187)
Filed: October 23, 2003)
For: LAUNDRY MACHINE)
Inventor: DARBY)
Art Unit: 1743)
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STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant, by and through its attorneys of record, respectfully request a report as to the status of the above-noted application. This application was filed on October 23, 2003 and as of the date of this letter, no Office Action has been received in this matter. The purpose of this letter is to insure that an Office Action has not been misdirected in the mail and, if no Office Action has been forwarded, Applicant requests an estimate as to when it might expect an Office Action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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